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**I. Education:**

1983-1988: Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics  
Graduate Aerospace Laboratories,  
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA – 91125

1982-1983: M.S., Mechanical Engineering  
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA – 91125

1977-1982: B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India – 600-036

**II. Professional:**

2023-present Mark Dalton Faculty Director of Experiential Learning in Aerospace Engineering

2015-present Professor of the Practice of Aerospace Engineering

2007-present: Professor of the Practice of Mechanical Engineering

2014-present: Advisory Guest Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India

2022-2024 Elected Chair AIAA Reusable Launch Vehicle Technical Committee

2021-present: Chair, Dr. V. Ganesan Faculty Fellow Campaign, IIT Madras, India

2017-2018: Chair, Professor V. Ramamurti Faculty Fellow Campaign, IIT Madras, India

2013-2020: Chief Organizer, Roddam Narasimha Distinguished Seminar Series, IITGN, India

2011-present: Director, Vanderbilt-Metro Water Renewable Energy Showcase Facilities

1989-2006: NASA Investigator of Microgravity Fluids Phenomenon on Space Shuttle Missions (USML- I; 1992 and USML- II; 1995) and of Materials Processing Phenomenon on the International Space Station (ISSI, PFMI; 2002-2003).

2020-2021: Educational Committee Chair: AIAA Reusable Launch Vehicle Technical Committee

**III. Honors & Awards:**

- **Vanderbilt University Chancellor's Cup:** for the greatest intellectual and academic contributions to undergraduate students outside of classroom teaching (2017).
- **Abe Zarem Educator Award:** National Award; American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (2017)
- **Faculty Advisor of the Year:** National Award; American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics, AIAA (2016)
- **NASA Educational Engagement Awards:** National Awards for best inspiring the study of rocketry and STEM-related topics among younger students and their community (2021, 2017, 2014, 2012).
- **Faculty Advisor for Northrop Grumman-Orbital-ATK NASA Student Launch National-Championship Teams** for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and National Space Club second place teams of 2017, 2021.

- **Associate Fellow:** American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, AIAA (2012).
- **AIAA Special Awards:** for designing and executing a comprehensive STEM educational outreach program involving Aerospace Engineering, for sustained and outstanding achievement in Aerospace Engineering, for outstanding mentoring to Aerospace Club (2014, 2012, and 2010).
- **Paladin Capital Marketplace Innovation Award** (@ EPA's American Innovation for Sustainability Forum in Washington, DC), for the design of the bio-hybrid solar cells, **2012 EPA P3 Award** (People, Prosperity, and the Planet): for the quality of the design and bio-hybrid solar cell.
- **AIAA Faculty Booster Award** for steadfast commitment and outstanding leadership as the faculty advisor of the Vanderbilt University AIAA Chapter (2008).
- **Vanderbilt University School of Engineering Award for Excellence in Teaching** (2007).
- **NASA Public Service Group Achievement Awards** for outstanding support to the Space Shuttle mission operations (1996), and for outstanding support to the PFMI investigation aboard the International Space Station (2002).
- **NASA certificates** in recognition of outstanding contribution to success of USML-1(STS –50; 1992) & USML-2 (STS-73; 1995) Space Shuttle Missions and the PFMI investigations aboard the International Space Station (ISS; 2004).
- **Member Alpha Sigma Mu:** International Professional Honor Society for Materials Science and Engineering.

#### IV. Research Interests:

- Aerothermodynamics: Rocket Propulsion & Flight Dynamics, Reaction Control Systems
- Energy and Expert System Design: Engine Lubrication and Oil Quality Sensing, Wind Turbines
- Fluid Physics: Drop and Bubble Dynamics, Bio-Encapsulation, Directional Solidification

#### V. Patents:

- A Novel Reactor for Making Uniform Capsules,' US Patent 6,001,312 (12/1999), with I. Lacik and T.G. Wang.
- An Encapsulation System for the Immunoisolation of Living Cells,' US Patent 5,997,900 (12/1999), with T.G. Wang, I. Lacik, M. Brissova, and A.C. Powers.

#### VI. Teaching:

- Aerospace Propulsion, Airplane Aerodynamics, Energetics Laboratory, Fluid Mechanics

#### VII. Facilities Developed with Extramural Funding:

- Diesel Engine Test Facility (Denso)
- Turbojet Engine Test Facility (Denso)
- SI Engine Test Facility (Denso)
- Wind Turbine and Solar Farm (Nashville Metro Government)
- Directional Solidification Facility for Space Station (PFMI, NASA)
- Drop Physics Module for US Space Shuttle (USML, NASA)

#### VIII. Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications:

1. A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Surface-tension-induced mixing following coalescence of initially stationary drops,' *Physics of Fluids A* 3(11), 1991, pp. 2587-2591.
2. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Static shape and instability of an acoustically levitated liquid drop,' *Physics of Fluids A* 3(11), 1991, pp. 2497-2515.
3. A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, X.F. Shen, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Control of thermocapillary convection in a liquid bridge by vibration,' *Journal of Applied Physics* 73(9), 1993, pp. 4165-4170.
4. A.V. Anilkumar, R.S.J. Sparks, and B. Sturtevant, 'Geological implications and applications of high-velocity two-phase flow experiments,' *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research* 56, 1993, pp. 145-160.
5. A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Stability of an acoustically levitated and flattened drop: an experimental study,' *Physics of Fluids* 5(11), 1993, pp. 2763-2774.
6. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Core centering of compound drops in capillary oscillations: observations on USML-1 experiments in Space,' *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 165, 1994, pp. 19-30.
7. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Bifurcation of rotating liquid drops: results from USML-1 experiments in Space,' *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 276, 1994, pp. 389-403.
8. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Static shape of an acoustically levitated drop with wave-drop interaction,' *Physics of Fluids* 6(11), 1994, pp. 3554-3566.
9. R.N. Grugel, X.F. Shen, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The influence of vibration on microstructural uniformity during floating-zone crystal growth,' *Journal of Crystal Growth* 142, 1994, pp. 209-214.
10. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Interactions of liquid drops with a levitating sound field,' in *Current Topics in The Physics of Fluids*, edited by Council of Scientific Information (Research Trends, Thiruvananthapuram, India, 1995).
11. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, and C.P. Lee, 'Oscillations of liquid drops: results of USML-1 experiments in Space,' *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 308, 1996, pp. 1-14.
12. X.F. Shen, A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, and T.G. Wang, 'Utilizing vibration to promote microstructural homogeneity during floating-zone crystal growth processing,' *Journal of Crystal Growth* 165, 1996, pp. 438-446.
13. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Streaming generated in a liquid bridge due to nonlinear oscillations driven by vibration of an end wall,' *Physics of Fluids* 8(12), 1996, pp. 3234-3246.
14. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'A theoretical model for centering of a thin viscous liquid shell in free and forced capillary oscillations,' *Physics of Fluids* 8(10), 1996, pp. 2580-2589.
15. T. Wang, I. Lacik, M. Brissova, A.V. Anilkumar, A. Prokop, D. Hunkeler, R. Green, K. Shahrokhi, and A.C. Powers, 'A new generation capsule and encapsulation system for immunoisolation of pancreatic islets,' *Nature: Biotechnology* 15, 1997, pp. 358-362.
16. A.C. Powers, M. Brissova, I. Lacik, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Permeability assessment of capsules for islet transplantation,' *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 831, 1997, pp. 208-216.
17. M. Brissova, I. Lacik, A.C. Powers, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Control and measurement of permeability for design of microcapsule cell delivery system,' *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research* 39(1), 1998, pp. 52-60.
18. I. Lacik, A.V. Anilkumar, M. Brissova, A.C. Powers, and T.G. Wang, 'New capsule with tailored properties for the encapsulation of living cells,' *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research* 39(1), 1998, pp. 61-70.

19. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, A.B. Hmelo and T.G. Wang, 'Equilibrium of liquid drops under the effects of rotation and acoustic flattening: results from USML-2 experiments in Space', *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 354, 1998, pp. 43-67.
20. Grugel, R.N., Lee, C.P., Anilkumar, A.V. et al. 'Utilizing microgravity environment to investigate thermocapillary flow and microstructural uniformity during floating-zone crystal growth,' *Journal of The Japan Society of Microgravity Applications*, 15 (supp. II), 1998, pp. 407-412.
21. A.V. Anilkumar, J. Bhowmick, and R.N. Grugel, 'Effect of end-wall vibration on oscillatory thermocapillary flow in float-zones,' Reviewed Proceedings of the twelfth International Symposium on Experimental Methods in Microgravity Materials Science, TMS Meeting, March 2000, Nashville, TN; R. Schiffman, editor.
22. A.V. Anilkumar, T.G. Wang, and I. Lacik, 'A novel reactor for making uniform capsules,' *Biotechnology and Bioengineering*, 75 (5), 2001, pp. 581-589.
23. A.V. Anilkumar, A.B. Hmelo, and T.G. Wang, 'Core centering of immiscible compound drops in capillary oscillations: experimental observations,' *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 242, 2001, pp. 465-469.
24. Brissova, M., Anilkumar, A.V., Powers, A.C., and Wang, T.G., 'Biocompatibility of microcapsule immunoisolation device for pancreatic islet transplantation,' *Journal of Biomedical Research*, 2001.
25. Lacik, I., Anilkumar, A.V., and Wang, T.G., 'A two-step process for controlling the surface smoothness of polyelectrolyte-based microcapsules,' *Journal of Microencapsulation*, 18 (4), 2001, pp. 479-490.
26. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and C.P. Lee, 'Direct observation of pore formation and mobility during controlled melting and re-solidification in microgravity,' in *Solidification Processes and Microstructures: A Symposium in Honor of Prof. W. Kurz*, M. Rappaz, C. Beckermann, and R. Trivedi, editors, TMS Publication 2004.
27. A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, J. Bhowmick, and T.G. Wang, 'Suppression of thermocapillary oscillations in sodium nitrate half-zones by high-frequency end-wall vibrations,' *Journal of Crystal Growth*, 276, 2005, pp. 194-203.
28. Q. Deng, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Role of viscosity and surface tension in bubble entrapment during liquid drop impact onto surface of a deep liquid pool,' *J. Fluid Mech.* (2007), vol. 578, pp. 119-138.
29. R.N. Grugel, P. Luz, G. Smith, R. Spivey, L. Jeter, D. Gillies, F. Hua, A.V. Anilkumar, 'Materials research conducted aboard the International Space Station: facilities overview, operational procedures, and experimental outcomes,' *Acta Astronautica* 62 (2008), pp. 491-498.
30. M.C. Cox, A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel and C.P. Lee, 'Effect of stepwise change in processing pressure on isolated pore growth during controlled directional solidification in small channels,' *Journal of Crystal Growth* 311 (2009), pp. 327-336.
31. Q. Deng, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The phenomenon of bubble entrapment during capsule formation,' *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 333 (2009), 523-532.
32. Chun P. Lee, Amrutur V. Anilkumar, and Richard N. Grugel, 'Dynamics of gas evacuation from a honeycomb structure having common wall perforations,' *Journal of Spacecrafts and Rockets* 47 (2010), 649-658.
33. Richard N. Grugel, Lucien N. Brush, and Amrutur V. Anilkumar, 'Disruption of an aligned dendritic network by bubbles during re-melting in a microgravity environment,' *Microgravity Science and Technology* 24 (2012), 93-101.
34. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, M.C. Cox, C.B. Lioi, and R.N. Grugel, 'Evolution of elongated pores at the melt-solid interface during controlled directional solidification,' *Acta Materialia* 61 (2013), 3752-3757.
35. A. S. Westover, J. W. Tian, S. Bernath, L. Oakes, R. Edwards, F. N. Shabab, S. Chatterjee, A. V. Anilkumar, and C. L. Pint, 'A Multifunctional Load-Bearing Solid-State Supercapacitor,' *Nano Lett.*, 2014, 14 (6), 3197-3202.

36. P.S. Kumar, W. Emfinger, G. Karsai, D. Watkins, B. Gasser, and A. Anilkumar, 'ROSMOD: A Toolsuite for Modeling, Generating, Deploying, and Managing Distributed Real-time Component-based Software using ROS,' *Electronics*, 2016, 5(3), 53-98.
37. Adam Smith and Amrutur Anilkumar, 'Friction Factor Evaluation of Replaceable-Element and Conventional Oil Filters in a Precision Benchtop Test Facility,' *SAE Int. J. Fuels Lubr.* 15(3), 2022.
38. Cameron Schepner, David Schafer, and Amrutur Anilkumar, 'In Situ Assessment of Lubricant Flow Characteristics and Oil Quality Sensor Performance - Part A: Flow Visualization' submitted to *SAE International Journal of Fuels and Lubricants*, January 2023.
39. Cameron Schepner, Adam Smith, and Amrutur Anilkumar, 'In Situ Assessment of Lubricant Flow Characteristics and Oil Quality Sensor Performance - Part B: Sensor Characterization,' submitted to *SAE International Journal of Fuels and Lubricants*, January 2023.

**IX. Peer-Reviewed Conference Publications:**

40. A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Drop coalescence studies,' *Proceedings of NASA Workshop on Containerless Experimentation in Microgravity*, Pasadena, CA (1990).
41. B. Sturtevant, H. Glicken, L. Hill, and A.V. Anilkumar, 'Explosive volcanism in Japan and United States: gaining understanding by shock tube experiments,' *Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Symposium on Shock Waves*, Japan (1991).
42. X.F. Shen, R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The influence of controlled surface streaming on thermocapillary convection during float-zone solidification processing,' *Proceedings of the Symposium on Microstructural Design by Solidification Processing*, TMS Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL (1992).
43. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The behavior of a liquid drop levitated and drastically flattened by an intense sound field,' *AIAA 92-0112*, *Proceedings of the thirtieth Aerospace Sciences and Exhibit*, Reno, NV (1992).
44. A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Momentumless coalescence of drops,' *AIAA 92-0111*, *Proceedings of the thirtieth Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit*, Reno, NV (1992).
45. R.N. Grugel, X.F. Shen, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The influence of controlled shape oscillation on microstructural uniformity and development during floating-zone crystal growth,' *Proceedings of the International Workshop on G-jitter*, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY (1993).
46. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'A preliminary analysis of the USML-1 drop dynamics experimental results', *AIAA 93-0252*, *Proceedings of the thirty-first Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit*, Reno, NV (1993).
47. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Bifurcation of rotating liquid drops,' *NASA Conference Publication 3272*, *Proceedings of Joint Launch + One Year Science Review of USML-1*, Huntsville, AL (1993).
48. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Core-centering of compound drops in capillary oscillations,' *NASA Conference Publication 3272*, *Proceedings of Joint Launch + One Year Science Review of USML-1*, Huntsville, AL (1993).
49. A. V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Studies of the stability and dynamics of levitated drops,' *Proceedings of the Third Microgravity Fluid Physics Conference*, Cleveland, Ohio (1996).
50. A.V. Anilkumar, and R.N. Grugel, 'Role of vibration-induced streaming in float-zone crystal growth,' *Proceedings of the ASME 2000 International Mechanical Engineering Conference and Exposition*, Orlando, FL (2000).
51. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and R.N. Grugel, 'Role of vibration-induced streaming in float-zone crystal growth,' *AIAA 01-0614*, *Proceedings of the thirty-ninth Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit*, Reno, NV (2001).

52. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, A.I. Fedoseyev, and K. Mazuruk, 'Some Novel Solidification Processing Techniques being Investigated at MSFC – Their Extension for Study Aboard the ISS,' AIAA 01- 5054, AIAA Conference on International Space Station Utilization, Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, FL (2001).
53. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, P. Luz, L. Jeter, M.P. Volz, R. Spievy, and G. Smith, 'Toward Understanding Pore Formation and Mobility During Controlled Directional Solidification in a Microgravity Environment Investigation (PFMI), AIAA 01-5119, AIAA Conference on International Space Station Utilization, Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, FL (2001).
54. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and C.P. Lee, 'Pore Formation and Mobility Investigation (PFMI): Description and Initial Analysis of Experiments Conducted aboard the International Space Station,' Proceedings of the *Spacebound 2003* Conference, Toronto, Canada (2003).
55. R.N. Grugel, and A.V. Anilkumar, 'Bubble formation and transport during directional solidification in microgravity: model experiments on the Space Station,' AIAA 04-627, Proceedings of the 42nd AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, Nevada, Jan. 5-8, 2004
56. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and M.C. Cox 'Observations of an aligned gas-eutectic during controlled directional solidification aboard the International Space Station-comparison with ground-based studies,' AIAA 05-919 Proceedings of the 43rd AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV. Jan 10 - 13, 2005
57. M.C. Cox, A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, and W.H. Hofmeister, 'Isolated Wormhole Growth and Evolution during Directional Solidification in Small Diameter Cylindrical Channels: Preliminary Experiments,' AIAA 06-1140, Proceedings of the 44th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV. Jan 9 - 12, 2006
58. R. Grugel, F. Hua, A.V. Anilkumar, et al., 'The In-Space soldering investigation (ISSI): melting and solidification experiments aboard the International Space Station,' AIAA 06-521, Proceedings of the 44<sup>th</sup> AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV, Jan 9-12, 2006.
59. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar et al. 'Materials Research conducted aboard the International Space Station: Facilities, Overview, Operational Procedures, and Experimental outcomes,' IAC 06-A2.5.1 Proceedings of the 57<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress (IAC), Valencia, Spain, October 2-6, 2006.
60. B. T. Blandford, W.O. Runge, Shengteng Hu, A.V. Anilkumar, R.W. Pitz and J.A. Wehrmeyer, 'Hydroxyl Tagging Velocimetry (HTV) to Measure Centerline Velocities in the Near Field Exhaust of a Gas Turbine Engine, AIAA-2008-0235, Proceedings of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV, Jan 7-10, 2008.
61. A. Alexander, J. Wehrmeyer, W. Runge, B. Blandford, A.V. Anilkumar, and R.W. Pitz, 'Nonintrusive Measurement of Gas Turbine Exhaust Velocity using Hydroxyl Tagging Velocimetry,' AIAA-2008-3709, Proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> AIAA Aerodynamic Measurement Technology and Ground Testing Conference, Seattle, Washington June 23-26, 2008.
62. Richard N. Grugel, Lucien N. Brush, and Amrutur V. Anilkumar "Disruption of an Aligned Dendritic Network by Bubbles during re-melting in a Microgravity Environment" 50th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting, 9 - 12 Jan 2012, Nashville, TN in *26th Symposium on Gravity - Related Phenomena in Space Exploration*.
63. Andrew S. Westover, John Tian, Shiva Bernath, Landon Oakes, Rob Edwards, Farhan Nur Shabab, Shahana Chatterjee, Amrutur Anilkumar, and Cary L. Pint, "Multifunctional Load-Bearing Energy Storage Materials,' IMECE2014-38931: Proceedings of the 2014 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, November 14-20, 2014, Montreal, Canada.
64. Pranav Srinivas Kumar, William Emfinger, Amogh Kulkarni, Gabor Karsai, Dexter Watkins, Benjamin Gasser, Cameron Ridgewell and Amrutur Anilkumar, "ROSMOD: A Toolsuite for Modeling, Generating, Deploying, and Managing Distributed Real-time Component-based Software using ROS," IEEE International Symposium on Rapid System Prototyping, October 8-9, 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

X. Recent Invited Newspaper Articles, Invited Lectures, and Panel Discussions:

65. 'Rocket manufacturers face challenges in push for reusable launch vehicle development', RLV Year in Review, *Aerospace America* Dec. 2022.
66. 'The Spy Thriller That Wasn't in the Space Thriller That Was,' Deccan Herald July 17, 2022. <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/the-spy-thriller-that-wasnt-in-the-space-thriller-that-was-1127595.html>
67. 'Remembering Roddam Narasimha,' Deccan Herald Jan 12, 2021. <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/panorama/remembering-roddam-narasimha-937958.html>
68. 'Roddam Narasimha: Epitome of Perfection and Tolerance,' The Times of India Dec 22, 2020. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/roddam-narasimha-epitome-of-perfection-and-tolerance/articleshow/79845819.cms>
69. V Ramamurti Faculty Fellow Inauguration Lecture: 'Project-based Extreme Engineering: a New Paradigm for Top-Class Engineering Education', Aug 14 2018, IIT Madras, India <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk7nOxz25yk&feature=youtu.be>
70. 'Extreme Engineering: A New Paradigm for Top-Class Engineering Education,' 5th June 2017, IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UZRnHPM5yw>
71. 'Aerospace Systems Engineering: The Way Forward,' Aug 11, 2016, IC & SR Auditorium, IIT Madras, Chennai, India <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB1g9AoV8vk>
72. IIT Gandhinagar Lecture Series 'Aerospace Systems Engineering: The Way Forward?' Aug 9, 2016.
73. 'Trends in Engineering: AIAA Education Panel', Amrutur Anilkumar (Vanderbilt University), Wayne Johnson (Tennessee Tech), Matthew Mensch (UT, Knoxville), Trevor Moeller (UTSI), and Michael Glennon (AEDC), March 30, 2017, UTSI, TN <https://aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org/bulletin/julyaugust-2017-aiaa-bulletin/>
74. Space Exploration Lecture: 'Houston, Vandy has a solution!', Vanderbilt Alumni Association, Houston Chapter, Office of Jones Day, Conference Room, 717 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002 <http://www.vuconnect.com/s/1643/index.aspx?sid=1643&gid=2&pgid=3952&cid=6952&ecid=6952&ciid=15291&crid=0>

XI. Recent News Articles and Public Citation

75. **NASA Moon Artemis Mission:** Newsweek : (a) <https://www.newsweek.com/artemis-rocket-launch-postponed-discovery-engine-issue-moon-1737700>  
(b) <https://www.newsweek.com/nasa-discarded-hardware-apollo-missions-moon-1739500>
76. **Student Mentorship:** <https://news.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbiltmagazine/launch-pad-vanderbilts-internationally-acclaimed-student-rocket-team-has-propelled-many-alumni-into-the-science-of-spaceflight/>
77. **New Fund to Sustain VADL Vision:** <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2022/new-fund-to-sustain-vanderbilt-rocket-team-successes/>
78. **Blue Origin Maiden Flight:** VADL Director Comments <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/usli/2021/06/17/jeff-bezos-will-blast-into-space-on-rockets-1st-crew-flight/>
79. **Space Force Chief visits with VADL:** <https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/05/27/space-force-gen-john-w-jay-raymond-visits-vanderbilt-laying-groundwork-for-future-partnership/>
80. **NASA University Student Launch:**  
(a) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2021/vanderbilt-rocketry-team-places-second-in-2021-nasa-student-launch-competition/>

- (b) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2020/vanderbilt-rocketeers-win-seventh-nasa-launch-national-title/>
  - (c) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2019/rocketeers-claim-sixth-nasa-championship-with-novel-uav-search-and-deploy-mission/>
  - (d) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2018/vanderbilt-wins-nasa-rocketry-championship-for-fifth-time/>
  - (e) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2018/novel-two-part-rocket-design-addresses-nasa-challenge-launch-is-april-7/>
80. **AIAA Faculty Advisor of the Year:**  
(a) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2016/institute-of-aeronautics-names-anilkumar-2016-faculty-advisor-of-the-year/>  
(b) <https://www.aiaa.org/SciTech2016AwardsPresented/>
81. **AIAA Abe Zarem Award:**  
(a) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2016/mechanical-engineering-graduate-student-collects-national-and-international-astronautical-awards/>  
(b) <https://www.aiaa.org/SecondaryTwoColumn.aspx?id=35039>
82. **Renewable Energy:**  
<https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2022/10-years-on-nashvilles-love-circle-vanderbilt-is-a-high-tech-neighbor/>
83. **NASA Mars Challenge:** (a) <http://spaceref.com/news/viewsr.html?pid=47184>  
(b) <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2015/vanderbilt-aerospace-club-continues-its-winning-ways-at-national-rocket-competition/>
84. **Public Citation from US Senator Marsha Blackburn, TN, August 2020**

MARSHA BLACKBURN  
TENNESSEE



UNITED STATES SENATOR

August 25, 2020

Amrutur. V. Anilkumar, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Anilkumar:

Congratulations on your seventh consecutive NASA Student Launch national title.

As you know, the Vanderbilt University rocket team victory is especially commendable in light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. I enjoyed learning about your team's innovative vehicle design and your successful rocket flight and recovery.

Congratulations on this achievement. Please pass along my well wishes to the entire Vanderbilt University rocket team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marsha Blackburn".

Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senator



## XII. Aerospace Design Lab Alumni and Placement

Joseph Aquino	Eastman	2022	Kurt Lezon	Qualcomm	2018
Sebastian Bond	Vanderbilt	2022	Xavier Williams	Michigan Tech	2018
Thomas Colicci	Vanderbilt	2022	Katie Hornbeck	Exxon	2018
Zachary Friedman	Avascent Aerospace	2022	Will Pagano	Citibank	2018
Brian Knapp	GE Aviation	2022	Taylor Parra	US Navy Pilot School	2018
Abdul Latif	Amazon	2022	Alex Byrd	Aegis Tech	2018
Kellen Lively	L3 Harris	2022	Peyton Fite	US Government	2018
Kai Malcom	Rice University	2022			
Ethan Mayer	Vanderbilt	2022	Derek Phillips	SpaceX	2017
Marissa Schwarz	Deloitte	2022	Brad Bark	SpaceX	2017
Ozgur Orun	UC Berkeley	2022	Michael Gilliland	SpaceX	2017
			Dustin Howser	Lockheed Martin	2017
Ryan Burinescu	Braven Environ.	2021	Grady Lynch	Lockheed Martin	2017
Alif Emazuddin	UT Knoxville	2021	Nina Campano	Lockheed Martin	2017
Ali Kilic	Vanderbilt	2021	Paul Register	Stanford	2017
Jon Marchineck	Crowe's Consulting	2021	Artie Binstein	Stanford	2017
Nick Pierce	Vanderbilt	2021	Ross Weber	Stanford	2017
Will Reisner	Lockheed Martin	2021	Jimmy Pan	Honeywell Aerospace	2017
Cam Schepner	Vanderbilt	2021	Brian Ramsey	Deloitte Consulting	2017
Alex Stevens	Permobil	2021	Paul Moore	Capital One	2017
William Wu	Amazon	2021			
			Andrew Voss	SpaceX	2016
Alex Barnett	Permobil	2020	Rob Rutherford	SpaceX	2016
Abby Carlson	Boeing	2020	Quinlan Monk	SpaceX	2016
Jake Gloudemans	The Boring Co.	2020	Andrew Martin	TE Connectivity	2016
Tristan Gilbert	UC Berkeley	2020	Justin Broughton	Georgia Tech	2016
Ben Hsu	US Govt.	2020	Dylan Shane	UT Austin	2016
Ethan James	Booz Allen Hamilton	2020	Rebecca Riley	UC Irvine	2016
Emre Kanli	Imperial College	2020	David Hirsch	University of Illinois	2016
Matt McDonald	GE	2020	Matt Kelley	Power Plan	2016
Sophia Moak	GE	2020	Mitch Masia	Consultancy	2016
Luke Neise	Stanford	2020			
Jon Powles	SpaceX	2020	Connor Caldwell	Deloitte Consulting	2015
Adam Smith	Vanderbilt	2020	Frederick Folz	SpaceX	2015
Kis Tamas	Stanford	2020	Alex Goodman	DISH Analytics	2015
			Chris Lyne	Vanderbilt	2015
Brayden Aller	Caltech	2019	Jacob Moore	UT Austin	2015
Nick Belsten	MIT	2019	Cameron Ridgewell	Virginia Tech.	2015
Henry Bristol	McKinsey	2019	William Emfinger	Permobil	2015
Emily Herron	Amazon	2019	Pranav Kumar	Siemens	2015
Liam Kelly	Lyft	2019			
Conner Morency	UC Boulder	2019	Shiva Bernath	SpaceX	2014
Nick Pierce	Lockheed Martin	2019	Kevin Bush	Stanford	2014
Chris Romanoski	AEDC	2019	Brandon Dimmig	Huntington Ingalls	2014
Mark Scherer	Hive	2019	Patrick Foran	SpaceX	2014
Sara Tsai	Vanderbilt	2019	Chris Twedell	Lockheed Martin	2014
Kyle Ward	Texas A&M	2019	Jordan Salik	SpaceX	2014
Spencer Kallor	Raytheon	2018	Francene Corradetti	Boeing	2013
Jered D-Trujillo	MIT	2018	Jason Lee	Capgemini	2013
Nick Galoto	Univ. of Michigan	2018	Brock Smethills	Sterling Ranch Co.	2013
Dominic Ghilardi	Lockheed Martin	2018	Ryan Thompson	Baker Hughes	2013
Daniel Schneller	TE Connectivity	2018	Justin Langford	Cummins	2013

Dexter Watkins	Northrop Grumman	2013
Paul Allen	Devon Energy	2012
Tyler Hannan	Georgia Tech.	2012
Thomas Hardy	Mercedes Benz	2012
Chris Lioi	Georgia Tech.	2012
Erin McManus	RTI Soft	2012
Zack Smith	Devon Energy	2012
Taylor Stevenson	University of Oklahoma JD	2012
Kyle Bloemer	UKY MD	2011
Chris Cameron	UT Austin	2011
Ben Chociej	Juristat	2011
Jennifer Frankland	Georgia Tech; Siemens	2011
Jonathan Hoke	USC; Boeing	2011
Sam Malonoski	ZF Friedrichshafen	2011
Ryan Taylor	Fisher Klosterman	2011
Ty Barringer	Wash. U. JD	2010

James Board	Georgia Tech.	2010
Ben McKnight	Sargent & Lundy	2010
Sam Nackman	Princeton; SpaceX	2010
Kyle Rosenstein	UKY MD	2010
Nick Vass	Georgia Tech. Raytheon	2010
Thomas Bowden	Quartus Eng.	2009
Ben Havrilesko	Georgia Tech.	2009
Tyler Lamb	Northrop Grumman	2009
Haziq Mazlan	OSISoft	2009
Kyser Miree	Chevron	2009
Will Runge	Georgia Tech.	2009
Thomas Folk	Georgia Tech; Rolls Royce	2008
Andrew Gould	Florida Turbine Tech.	2008
Nathan Grady	Vanderbilt	2008
Alex Sobey	NASA MSFC	2008
Chris McMenamini	Lockheed Martin	2008

**XIII. AIAA Seminars Arranged as Chairman Reusable Launch Vehicle Technical Committee:**

1. Fiber-Optic Sensing and Applications to Reusable Launch Vehicles  
Patrick Chan, PhD, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center  
Tuesday March 8, 2022.
2. Reusability in the New Space Revolution  
Zachary Friedman, RLV TC Member, Vanderbilt University.  
Tuesday April 12, 2022.
3. Burn-Resistant Materials for High-Performance Reusable Rocket Engines  
Zachary Cordero, Boeing Assistant Professor  
Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Tuesday July 12, 2022.
4. Mission Assurance for Reusable Launch Vehicles  
Vinay Goyal, Technical Fellow Aerospace Corporation  
Tuesday September 13 2022.
5. In-Space Manufacturing, an RLV Enabled Technology  
Jordan Croom, Varda Space  
Wednesday March 22, 2023.
6. Dream Chaser Mission to Space Station  
Sara Tsai, Sierra Space  
Wednesday May 10, 2023.

XIV. Roddam Narasimha Distinguished Seminars Arranged at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, India, as Chairman of the Organization Panel.

1. Jayant Haritsa, Professor of Computer Science, Indian Institute of Science  
5th August 2019  
*Data Science: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*
2. Prof. B. S. Murty, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad  
13th August 2018  
*Role of Advanced Materials in Transforming India into a Global Leader*
3. Prof. T. Pradeep, Institute Professor of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras;  
6th June 2017  
*Clean water using advanced materials: Science, Incubation, and Industry*
4. Mr. A. S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization  
10th August 2016  
*Space Technology – Contribution to India's Development*
5. Dr. Milind Tambe, Professor, USC (Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science and Director of Center for Research on Computation and Society, Harvard University)  
10th August 2015  
*Towards a Science of Security Games: Key Algorithmic Principles, Deployed Applications and Research Challenges*
6. Dr. Sang Il Seok, Professor, Korea Institute of Science & Technology  
13th April 2015  
*Architecture, Process and Materials for Efficient Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Solar Cells*
7. Dr. John O. Dabiri, Centennial Chair Professor, Caltech  
31st January, 2014  
*Bio-inspired Wind Energy: From Fish Schools and Seagrass to Better Wind Farms*
8. Dr. Maureen McCann, Director Purdue University NEPTUNE Center for Power, and Energy (currently Center Director at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, NREL)  
16th April 2013  
*The Biomass to Biofuels Pipeline: An Engineering Paradigm for National Security and a Sustainable Carbon Economy*